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Dear Time

The kiss-o-the morning to you
the man of my choice and how
are yez the day?
Your patient-steadfast-soul
has surely been tried in these
days of waiting. Waiting seems
to be the task of my life.
I waken in the morning
waiting for news from my Love.
But dear the Goblins will get
you if you dont watch out
when even your Scotch hair
has dreams of a soldiers

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end of my year.
My family wait on me
but go to School
I never do one thing. Annie keeps our little
house as neat as a pin
and she is a splendid
cook. She is happy with
us two. I have no hen
the maid you wished for.
Mattie darling picture
has brought her dear presence
very near to us. Mrs Aikens
and Dr and Mrs Burwash
were in on Wednesday and
Dr B said "She is a very remarkable
picture." Curtis Dr Allanson
wants to come very time
one sees it - so glows to ask what they said.

life in India, Hong Kong or
Africky without me. Surely the
war bug has infected you for
I promised to marry a quiet
home-loving body one who loved
flowers and books and water
and winds and Ennuie
Now my Lover has turned into
a soldier who wants free life
and fresh fields and sights
for a cannon after the cannon
Ye Gods how tragic is Life?
I have had headaches for
the past two weeks and on
that time I went to the head
doctor and he told me my
heart was as round as a
ball; to the dentist and
he tested my eyes; to the
ear doctor and he said
my ear was fine and he
wondered that I was a little
deaf. and now I am going
to the dentist and I expect
he will end by saying
what they all said "You
are just tired, take a rest"—
Easy thing to do now at the

to have a long talk with you about what you really want me to do. Would you rather have me go on and get this home ready here or go over there as Mrs Stewart suggests. I want to do what you want me to do deen. What I have done so far has been right I would never forgiven myself had I been away when Mother left us. Now the long summer days are ahead of us and I fear I will not be content to stay here if you feel that I should be there. Everything seems so uncertain. Mrs Burnside has just telephoned that they will not let her sail this month for England all the time I love you and all the time I do that which I think you will like. I love you deen and all will be well some day. "I am safe in Love as in a charm." Your Emmie

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three days. Mr Basil Morgan
Miss Dora Mann, Ima Blong
and Mildred Marsh all in
the cast— What a responsibility
is mine?!? I am feeling happy
about Mother. This portrait
is so comforting you will love
it dear and for your sake
as well as my own, I am
glad it is to be mine—
Everyone has been so kind
and so thoughtful I cannot
tell you of the many tenderness
that have come to me—
Gifts of beautiful flowers
I have seen much of Mrs
W. S. Shattuck and Mrs Sidney
Small and they seem
ever to be mindful of
Dorothy and Mr, back me
for motor rides, Luncheon
and tea. We are in our last
week and how I would love

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Enclosed find Harry
Burdens sketch of what
he thinks will suit us.
Did you get my letter asking
you to draw the plans
yourself. I am so sorry
dear that you have missed
so many of my letters.
Twice a week I have written
you and I cannot understand
why you do not
get your mail. On Sunday
Dr Roscoe Graham and
his family and Dr Duncan
Graham are coming for
afternoon tea. Another
letter from Mrs Eakin today
is filled with loving
messages for you and

We hope that I will go there
her at Easter at Atlantic
City. Your letters of Feb. 28
and Feb 21st have arrived
and I was so glad to hear
that you are well and happy
over your Mobile Jah. The Cards
Charlie received on the 20th of
Feb was somewhat puzzling
you do not say in your letter
whether you have seen Dr Nichols
or no. My head is better today
Dr Goodie, Dr Lovell and Dr McKelvey
all end up by saying "go off for
a rest that is what you need".
We are in our last term and
I am being careful I go to
school in the morning but
very often stay home in the
afternoon. I look well in
fact everybody says I look
better than I have for years.
Mr Barton is putting on "Raleigh
in the Princess Theatre for

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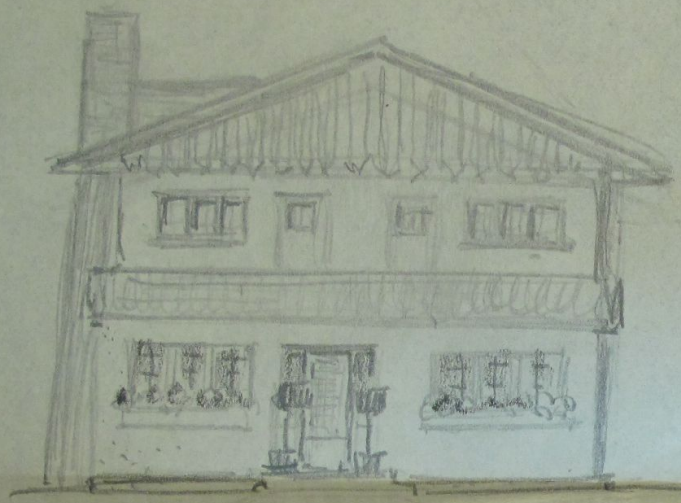

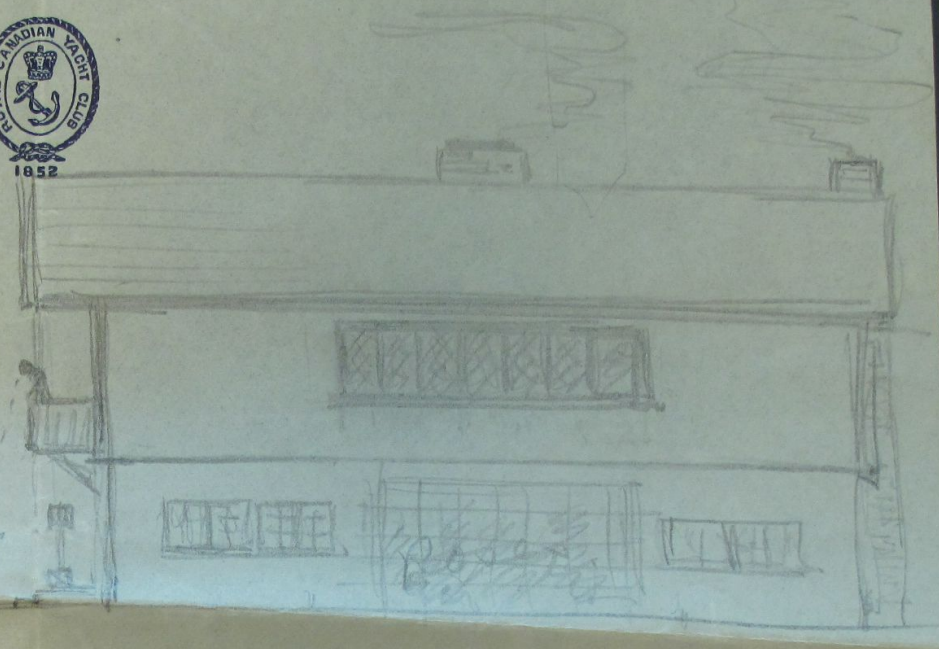

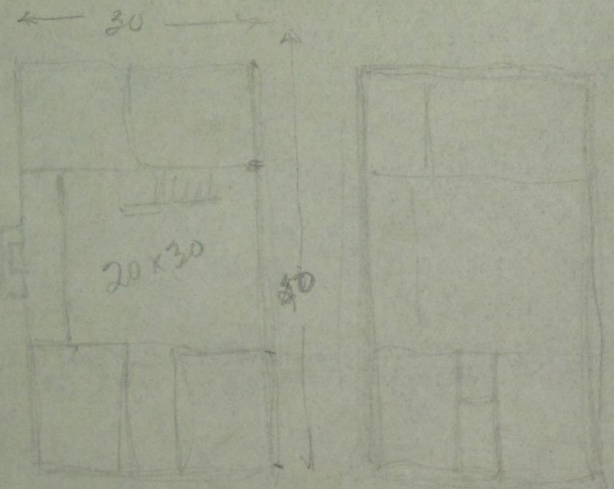

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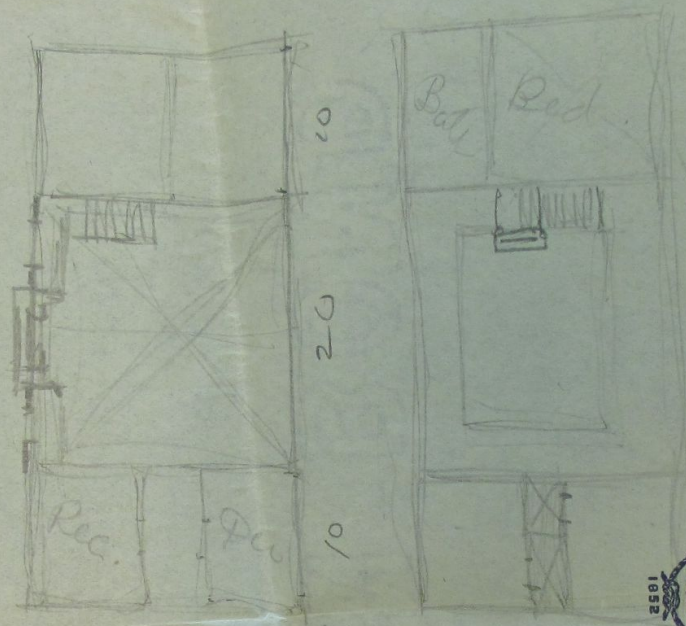

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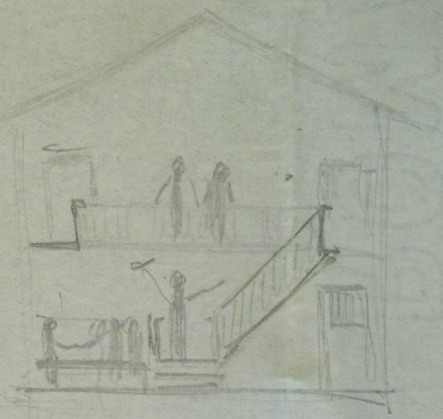

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My Beloved.

Mothers portrait hangs above me in the little alcove in the dining room and below it is the little Bluegum desk and on the desk is a beautiful writing set the gift of my Tuesday Poetry Class. Hanging above is a powerful light with your copper shade and this is surely a love corner.

Here I am sitting looking at Mother then thinking and loving and writing to you. We have not had an English mail for over twelve days and they say there will not be one until next Monday.

I cannot feel that you are in France although that cable sent on the 21st of February made me feel that perhaps you were going soon and wanted news before you left.

You will have seen Mr Ven-Mehr and Mr Allan and I will be so glad when he returns and brings us news of you.

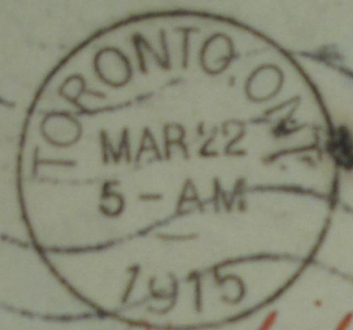
S.B.

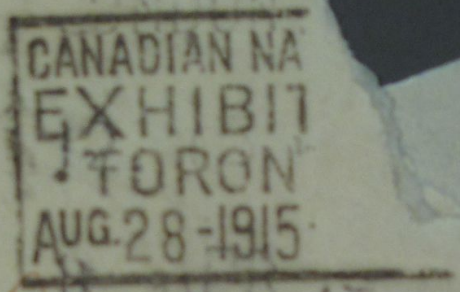
Mrs Eaton has sent her love
to you & please write her when
you can for again she seems
to be clothed and in her
right mind. She is very
dear to me these days. The and Mrs.
Burnside have gone to Attleboro
city for a few weeks. They
are very anxious to have
me go down with - Mrs Burdett
and Sallie next week;
but that is not what I want.
Easter will soon be here
and Dinkie is coming down
& think we will have a
good week together and we
will take jaunts - out
where the Spring - hillows
are and to the greenhouses
Jim came in last Saturday
with my posies and to tell
me that the Greenhouse was

in June condition now.
We have entered upon the last
ten weeks of School. Can you
believe it? And As soon as the
days grow warmer I am starting
hunt for our place. I wonder if
I will have the courage to decide
things for us two. I want simple
but very artistic & clean & pretty.
You dear if you really want me
have my studio room. Say so -
because it will cost something
to heat and will make a
larger place than it really
we need. Someone said to me
the other day - "You look better than
I ever saw you - & you see you did
not need the Lover who left you
so fr to war" - "He didn't leave me"
I answered. Where are all my
letters dear? When you do not
receive them I feel very badly.
A Burked mail closes tonight - so
good night dear one. All is well and
all will be well for us in His good time
I love you dear and am truly yours Emma

Today's paper says - "War will be over in ten weeks" but we cannot believe hardly anything we read. We are having high winds. March weather mad as a hare someone says.

I went over to see Ethel on Wed. and we had afternoon tea to ethier. Hers has not been a bed of roses what a brave woman she is, and has been I telephoned her as soon as I heard Mr Allens ship had arrived and she said the strain was terrible. I told her I knew. Kitchener was right - "Soldiers or those who go to war should never be married". You will never know nor any of the soldiers will never know what this war has meant to those who have stayed at home. G.S





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Sunday Evening -

My Beloved - March 21 - 15 -

Tonight - I seem to know where you are for Ethel has just telephoned that you and Mr Allen are together for the week end. I am so thankful for this. I hated to think of you going to France just before he arrived. Dr Roscoe Graham Bean and her wife and Dr Duncan Graham have just gone they came over for tea and we have had such a nice visit. They all love Mother face and Dr Duncan Graham said "It certainly is a great possession - He is not over-enthusiastic about going with the Canadian Hospital Corps and said "I never sought the position and I will not be disappointed if I am left at home even now. Yesterday I spent the afternoon in our playhouse - I took Mrs Taylor who is invalided home with me and I felt positively

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rich as I picked here and there a flower for her bouquet. There was a place where the sun was like gold and for the first time I did not feel that awful loneliness for you there. You seemed to be there. The horses are in fine condition and Billy seemed very glad to see me and when I said "May I pick a posy for Miss Taylor Billy" he said "certainly just the same as if she was here" I will go up on Saturday so look for me there. Now dear you must not feel as if this is a lost year because there was never a time that I could go to you unless I be now at the close of School. We both would have been unhappy had I left all my work and Mother had passed away with me over the Ocean. I wish I knew what you really want me to do. One letter comes saying "Get your home ready" The next comes with "Miss Stewarts advice" "Have Mrs Raff come over in the Spring etc etc" I care not what she says - I will do more for you than anyone. Last week a letter came from Alec saying "Send Dorothy to Arizona with Vickie a couple of months in the Mountains will do her good" Then I had visions of running away to you. There is such uncertainty about Harold Lee. I never was so puzzled about what was the right thing to do but I suppose the time will reveal the right thing to do. I do not think I want to spend my summer on the hill alone with Mother away. Vickie down town and Dorothy two. I said to Mary today Mary what do you think I should do - "Go to England Of course" she said without hesitation - "You certainly need it". There was a parade of nine thousand soldiers yesterday and Charlie was over 93

cross when I said I was going to the greenhouse – not that I love soldiers less but that I love them more."
By the time this reaches you you will doubtless be in France and will know better than even what to expect so write or cable if you can your wishes "Bould" or "Come" I cannot say more than that I want to do right. Mrs Edison wants me to go to Atlantic City for Easter. I have no heart to go there at this time. So might I am writing her "If you need me I will go but for my own pleasure I prefer to spend" my week end at home". We are going through the same experiences you have had with regard to mail. The last letter I have had from you was written on the 28th although Eva told me I have had one from you written on the 4th of March saying you [illegible] Verne & Ethel
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were about to be realized in a trip to France.
The University Hospital staff is arranged. Dr. Amyot goes at last. Dr. Bruce wanted to go. Miss Thrall wants to go over for the summer to work in some capacity and I told her I would ask you if you had a position for her.
Joe has not been well - rheumatism and Bronchitis in bed for two weeks. I saw Dr. McKelvey about Dorothy's throat and nose as Dr. Goldsmith advised. He says her throat is in fine condition but that her nose must be attended to as soon as school closes. She can go into the hospital for three days and I will fix that bone. He let me see the bone and it is exactly like her father's. His trouble began there, but she does not know that. Something more to prepare for and have courage for. We are

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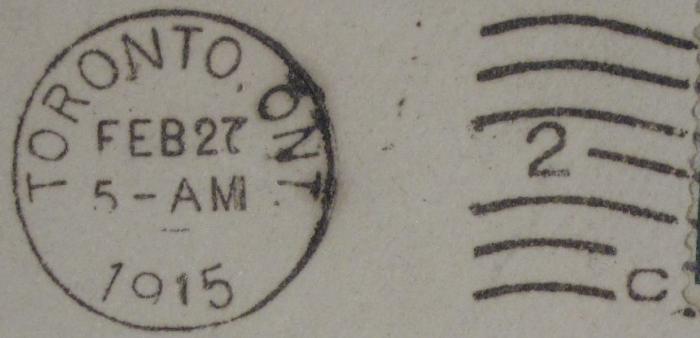
learning the lesson well.
Dr Duncan Graham was interested
in Dorothy's setting the tea, and
in tasting her cake and when
I said what do you think of
me having a child that is
entirely domestic — He answered
"You have produced the very
best kind" - I would do your
heart good to see me sit down
and Dorothy set every thing
for tea and serve it beautifully
I do have visions of her in
our home the true daughter
of the house doing the things
that only a daughter can
while you and I read or
visit - or do the hundred
things we like to do together.
Certainly this awful war
cannot last much longer
if Germany is bankrupt and
no credit abroad and are
already in need of food.
Dr Graham said tonight
the end will surely end
etc - but what does he know.
G.B

I miss your letters when they do not come on Mondays but I always know they are on the way. I am doing the very best I can to live normally and cheerfully but the anxiety is sometimes awful. I am finding out as the months go by what an eternal thing love is and how desolate life would be without the companionship of the one I love. We saw so much together. We heard so much together and more than the senses was that understanding that was mutual. Life holds nothing rarer than a love based as ours is on comradeship. "I seh frankie" as Dorothy say sometimes but again I feel you very near. I am clear with regard to the promise made to Mr Eakin that no longer holds me because I am ready to keep on my work and am willing to. The time has come when I should only work in the mornings and that will make it possible for me to direct my home in the afternoons. All these questions are settled in my mind and rightly settled for all time. The only question in my mind now is "Should I go to you when School closes or stay here and get a home ready for your home-coming." Advise me I will do what you think best for I know you will do right in this matter.

Yours



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My Beloved

Mrs Aitkins asked me tonight when I was there if I had seen the Dr's picture in "The Queen" - so she brought it to me and there you were chubby and shiny at the end of the line.
They all laughed, (Mrs Hazell and Mrs Sanderson) when I said "Bless his heart" - I don't care about nothing 'cept you.
I saw Dr Allen for a few moments before he left for the Station. He looked excited with two fever spots in his cheeks. Ethel was a brick but I knew how she felt. I was talking when she brought it. She said the little baby is not sleeping well but all are well. I told her I knew how she was feeling. This week's English mail brought but one letter from you and I naturally set two and one from Margaret Stewart. She spoke of you and said you looked fit and that-

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carved underneath.
I said to Mr Williamson
I will have to get a house
to put it in - "A Temple
you mean" - he said. She
is a jewel for a Temple.
Charlie Burden and I rode
down in the motor and his
one regret was that he had
not had his little Mother
painted. "When are you going
to find the place for your
home"? - "Say George will be
the happiest man in the
world when he has you
and a home of your own."
These are bits of the many
things he said about us.
Do you know dear the Idea
grows upon me more and more
each day since Mother went
away "Build another home
She has gone from the old" — 193
If I only knew where you were

and some more very Nice things. It was a dear loving letter and comforted me to think you had been there and spent a homey evening in front of her fireside. What did Mr Burnside tell you? He looked sick but was so kind and interested Mrs Eaton came in while he was there and looked so interested when I told her he was your friend and was going back to you. She is very lovely these days. Yesterday we saw Mother's picture and she said turning to Mr Williamson "Can you paint me like that"? Mrs Burnside said "It is the face of a saint and does not look as if it belonged to this century. As we drove home she said "Emma I have often seen that same look in your eyes". I am so glad everybody loves it.

The day before Mrs Burden and Mr Burden Miss Ross, Miss Thrall, Mary Annie Gulla (and Dorothy) saw it for the first time. Miss Ross says it is something she wants to see daily & see. I wish you could see it. I fairly ache for you to look at it with me. "Not- two months" gone and there she is on that canvas as if she could speak to us Mrs Burnside says she is saying "Listen I have something to tell you" — Miss Ross wants the Schiller phrase "I have lived I have loved" 16.4

This letter goes near to St Erminy
the little quiet hotel I stayed
at the first time I was in
London. Across the road
from St Erminis is the little
church Daisy and Alec were
married in. I sent you
a letter of introducing to
Isabel Wilcox Ball. She and
her sister are at Kings Bench
Walk. Inner Temple. They
are great friends of Margaret
Stewart. I also sent you a
letter of introduction to Mrs
George Frederick Watts and
you have not spoken of
either of those letters.
Two soldier boys are here visiting
Dorothy Fred Pringle and Billy
Bishop. They are very trim
in their Khaki suits but it makes
me sick to look at them.
I was never meant for this military
game. It is all very well
to say "please do think of things
military in a different way".
I seem to have no choice in

the matter. The other day I saw the Eaton Battery coming down the street - my heart began to think and I felt I do if I would fall if I did not set off that street - I know I am not a coward but this feeling seems to be stronger than I am. Mother felt the same as I do. Still they tell me I am brave and am proving it during these trying days. For all that has come to you I am glad and thankful if you are satisfied. Certainly we are proving that Love is a sure and a steadfast thing for us. I do not feel that we will be separated very much longer. How fine it will be to have a home after all we have passed through in the year that is gone. I am going steadily on getting things ready and by the time you are ready to come home all things may be ready for you to have you rest down a home with you dear girl.

Eva has just called me to the phone to ask Dorothy and I down for tea on Sunday afternoon. I told Ethel we would go up there early in the afternoon Velma is not well - a cold she says

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but A has left her very weak. She is still with Mrs Christopher Eaton and says it is a quiet but joyous home filled with human kindness. I go to Bradford to read "The Travelling Man" Read Browning at a new University Browning Club on Wednesday. Oman Khayam "Rubaiyat" for next week. Mrs Burden and Mrs Parkin go to Bradford with me we are to be the guests of Mrs Lloyd-Harris. Now dear good night - I wonder where you are as I write and how you are - Mrs R.B. Anderson told me today her husband & wife Mrs Dr McQuay who saved Rekers life wants to go to the front. I love you dear and am planning for a time of Gods peace and home Comin

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